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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
NEW PRODUCT EVALUATION**

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This guideline is intended to provide EMS personnel of the Milwaukee County EMS System with a mechanism for objective evaluation of contemporary EMS equipment proposed for addition to the inventory of the paramedic unit:

Only two (2) product evaluations may be in progress at a given time.

Every attempt will be made for product evaluation to rotate through all paramedic units on a cyclical basis.

Whenever possible there will be at least one (1) suburban paramedic unit and one (1) Milwaukee paramedic unit evaluating a product for each evaluation period.

Paramedic units will have the proposed equipment for at least one calendar month to evaluate the product.

The product being evaluated should not replace an existing item on the ambulance. If a problem arises, the previous existing item should be immediately available.

Each shift of paramedics will complete the short evaluation form at the end of the evaluation period.

At the end of the evaluation period, the paramedic units will return the product and evaluation forms to the Paramedic Training Center.

The units involved will make every effort to safeguard the item being evaluated.

The results of the evaluation will be reported to all personnel at the next regularly scheduled Continuing Education Seminar (M&M).

If a paramedic unit would like a product evaluated, a Request of Product Review will be submitted to the Paramedic Training Center.

The paramedic unit requesting the product evaluation should be one of the units participating in the evaluation.